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Recognition of the coordinating and facilitating role of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court

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The Assembly of States Parties,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions 52/160 of 15 December 1997, 53/105 of 8 December 1998, 54/105 of 9 December 1999, 55/155 of 12 December 2000 and 56/85 of 12 December 2001, which provided for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court,

Acknowledging the important contribution of all participating non-governmental organizations, including the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court, to the establishment of the International Criminal Court throughout the meetings of the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court and the first session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

Welcoming the cooperative relationship between the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the host State, including the commitment of the host State to enable the establishment and functioning of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court in its territory,

Stressing the role of public awareness and the involvement of universal civil society in furthering the objects and purposes of the International Criminal Court,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the coordinating and facilitating role that the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court will perform between the community of non-governmental organizations and the Assembly and between that community and the International Criminal Court, by encouraging and facilitating the

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participation of non-governmental organizations from all regions, particularly from developing countries; by assisting the Assembly of States Parties with accreditation and dissemination of information and official documents to accredited non-governmental organizations; by encouraging cooperation between Governments and non-governmental organizations, including by organizing meetings; by conveying the expertise of non-governmental organizations to Governments; and by promoting worldwide awareness of and support for the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Court;

2. *Also notes with appreciation* the steps being taken by the host State to enable relevant non-governmental organizations, including the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court, to operate effectively in the host State;

3. *Recalls* that rules 93 and 95 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly of States Parties provide for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the meetings of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies;

4. *Notes* that the present resolution is without prejudice to efforts undertaken by other non-governmental organizations that operate outside the ambit of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court.